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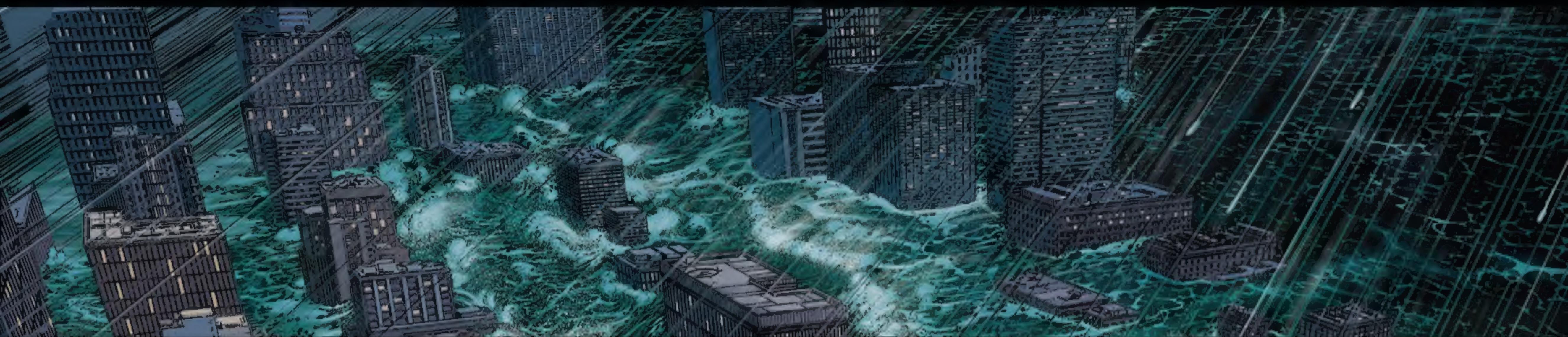
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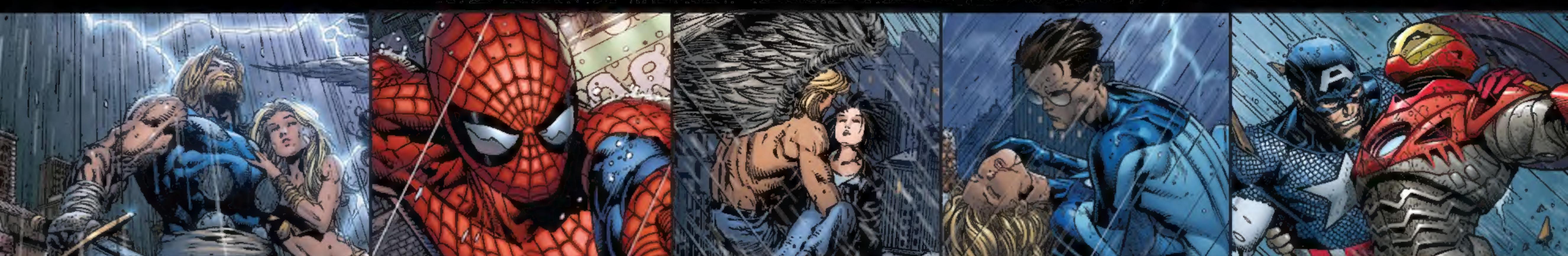
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ULTIMATUM HAS BEGUN.

Previously...



A giant tidal wave destroyed half of New York.



Eastern Europe is frozen solid.

Millions are dead.



Magneto is to blame.

CHAPTER TWO: "DEATH BECOMES HER"

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MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.
AFTER THE TIDAL WAVE.
SPIDER-MAN & THE HULK.
THAT NIGHT.

WHY DOES
=NNNGGG?
ALL THE REALLY SCARY
STUFF HAVE TO HAPPEN
AT NIGHT?

I MEAN,
IT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH
THAT HALF THIS CITY WAS
UNDERWATER
ONE SECOND AND --

-- THEN
THE NEXT SECOND
=NGGGNNE
IT'S NOT...

...OR THAT ALL THIS
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION
WAS SOMEHOW CAUSED BY
THE WORLD'S BIGGEST
DIRTBAG --

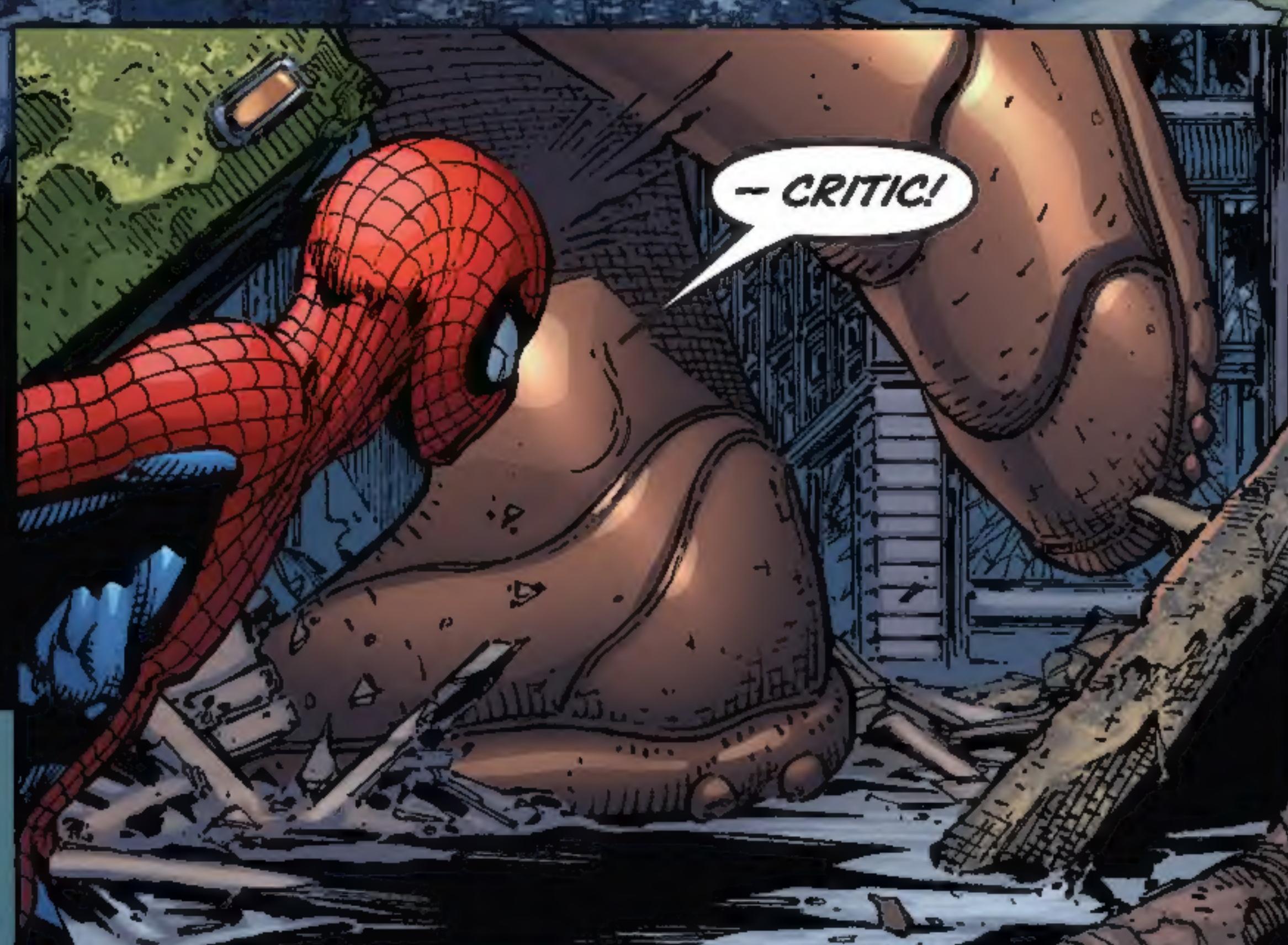
- MAGNETO.

PLEASE
STOP TALKING AND
HELP ME...

I'M
WORKING
ON IT, PAL--
JEEZ,
EVERYBODY'S
A--

- CRITIC!

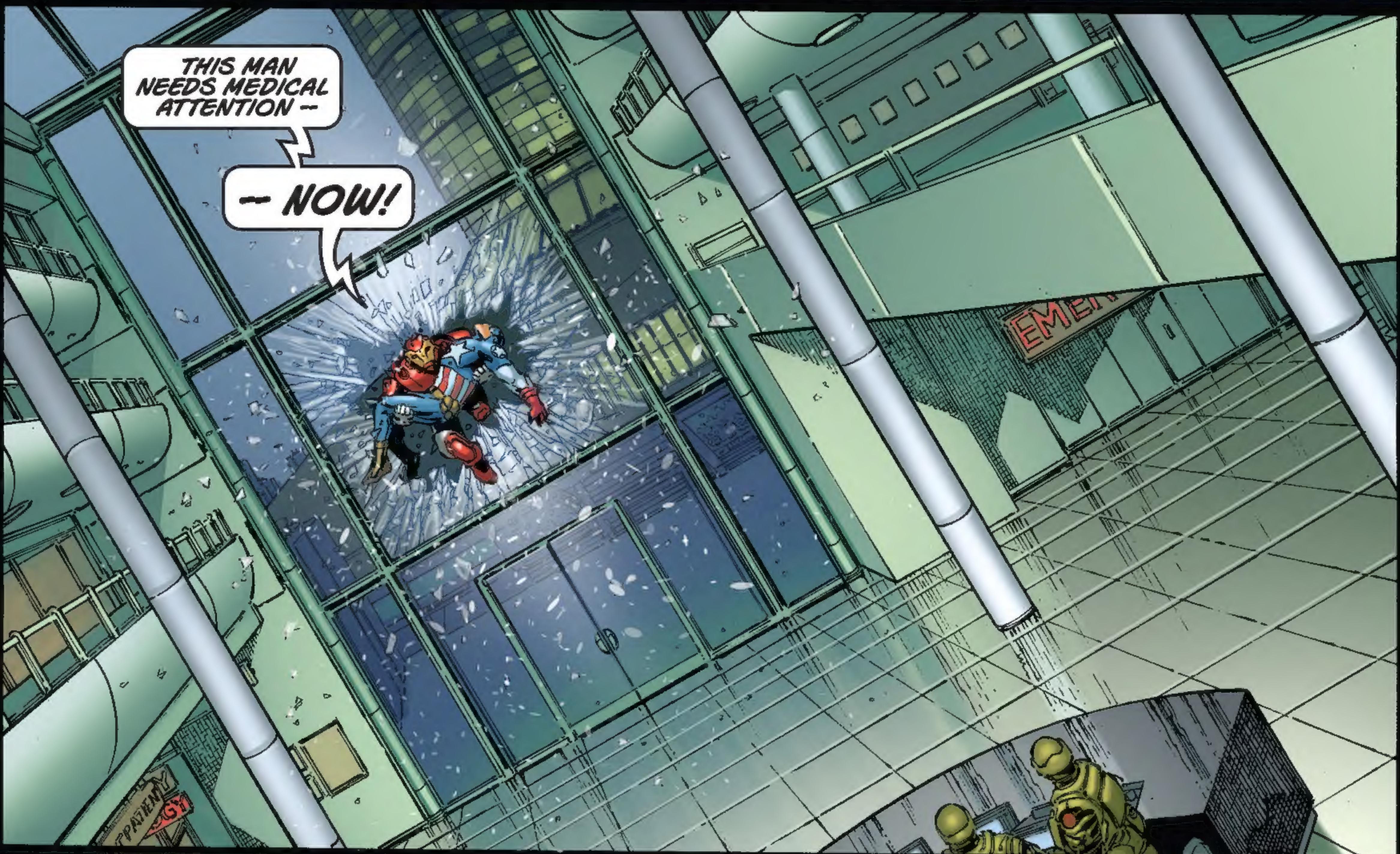
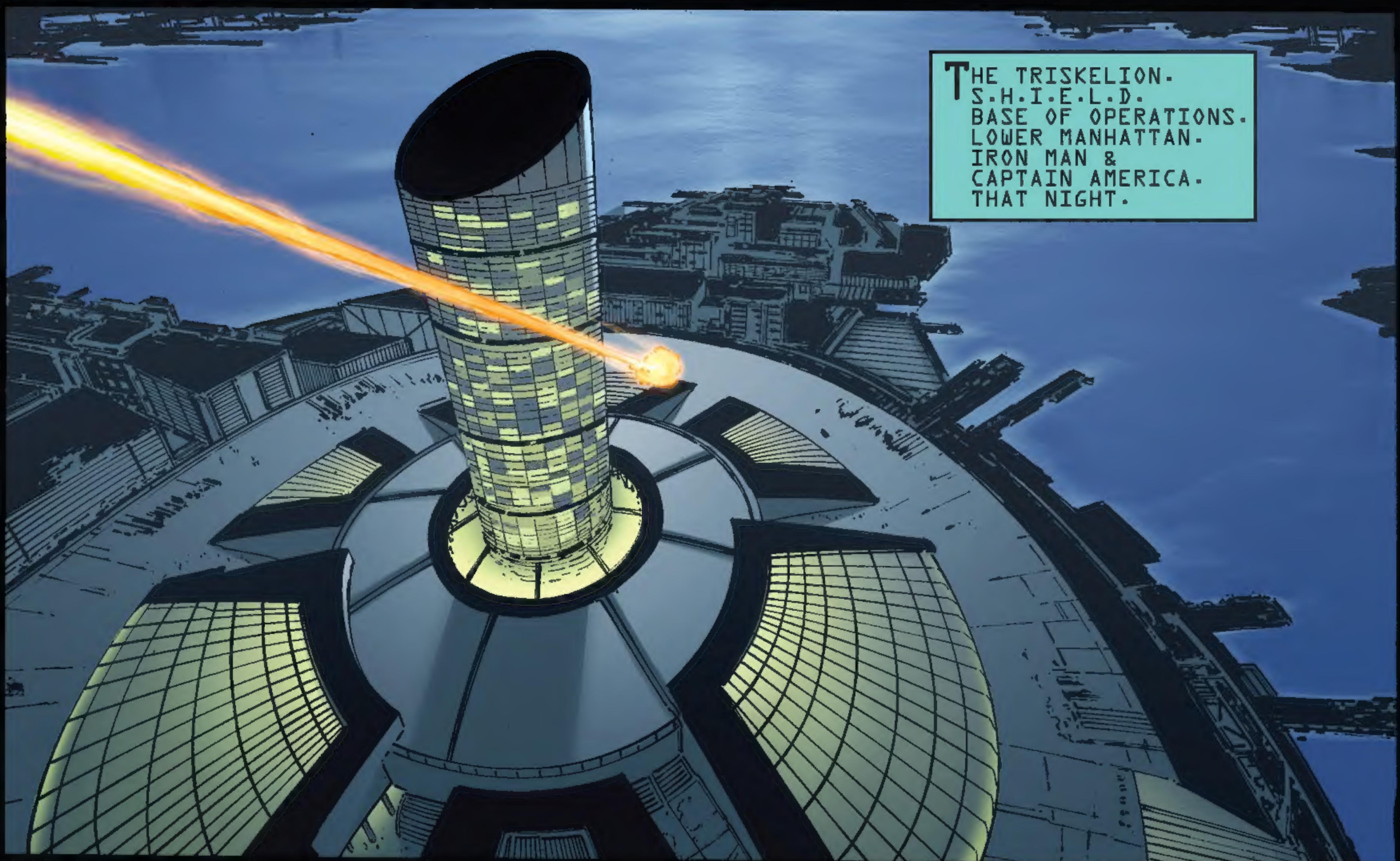
HEY YOU!
GIANT GUY...
MAN...
PERSON!







THE TRISKELION.
S.H.I.E.L.D.
BASE OF OPERATIONS.
LOWER MANHATTAN.
IRON MAN &
CAPTAIN AMERICA.
THAT NIGHT.



THESE MEN
ARE JUST DOING
THEIR JOBS.
I'VE GOT A
TIDAL WAVE IN
MANHATTAN --
-- EASTERN
EUROPE'S BEEN
FLASH
FROZEN --
-- VOLCANOES
ERUPTING IN
THE AMAZON AND
I CAN'T HAVE YOU --

CAROL.
IT'S CAP. HE...HE'S
NOT BREATHING...

I WANT
A MEDICAL UNIT UP HERE
IMMEDIATELY.

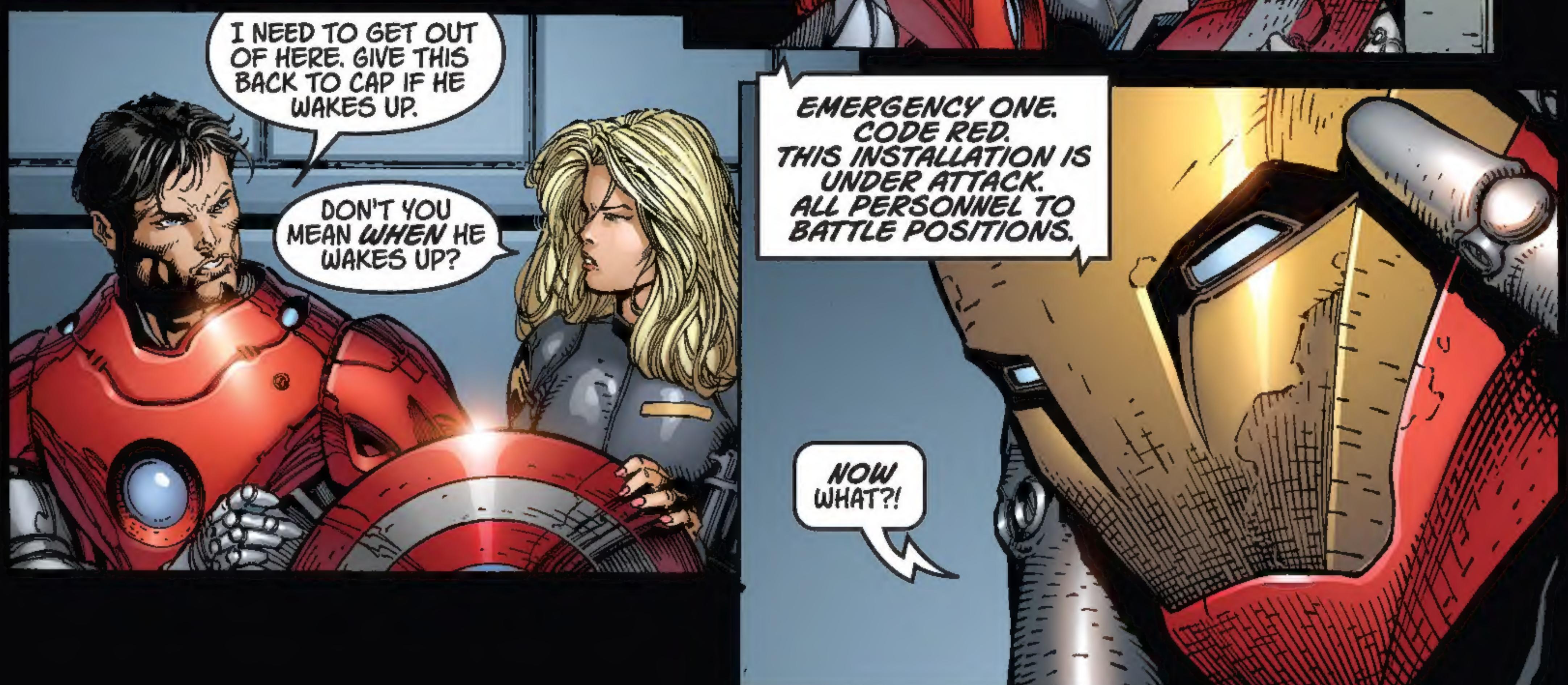
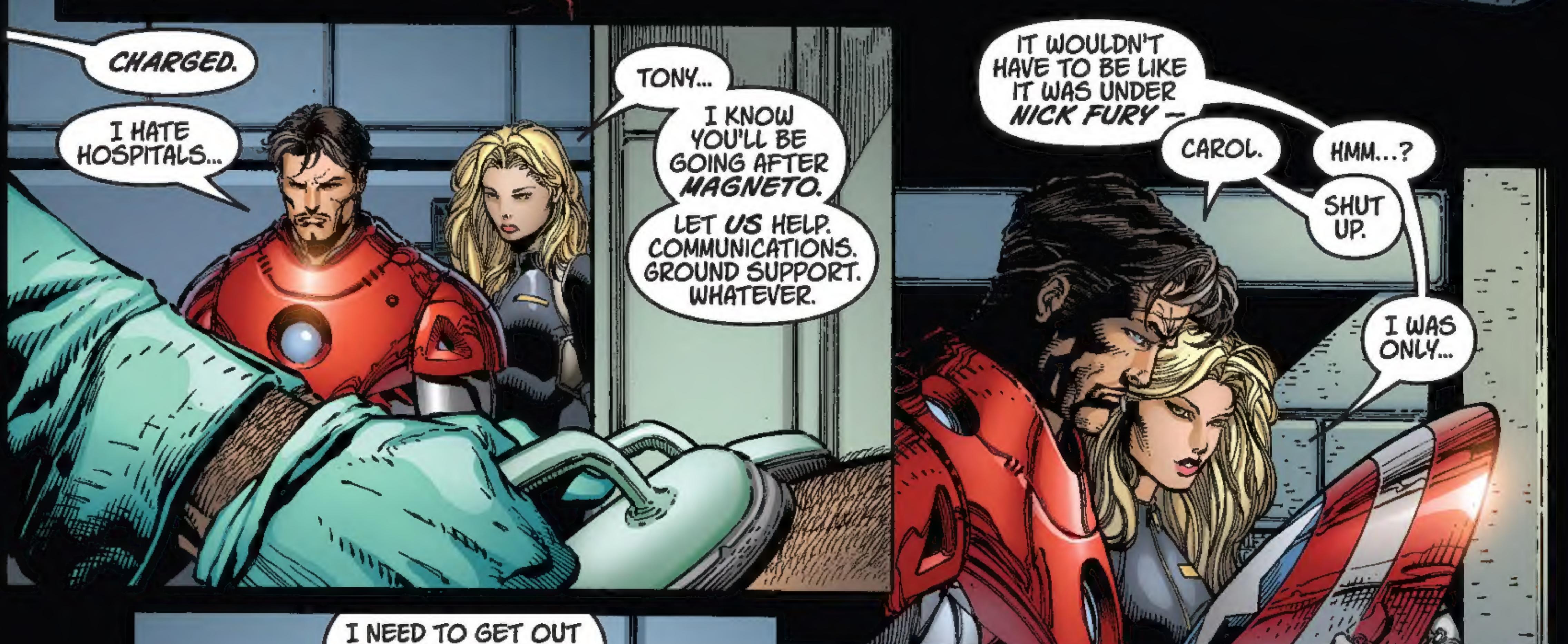
YOU HANG IN THERE,
STEVE. YOU HEAR ME?

WHAT
HAPPENED?

WHAT HAPPENED?
HE WAS DROWNING.
OR HE DROWNED.
I DON'T KNOW.
I PULLED HIM OUT.

HE WAS AWAKE.
HE ASKED IF THE REST
OF THE TEAM WAS
OKAY AND...
...WE WENT
LOOKING WHEN HE...
COLLAPSED.

I COULD
USE A DRINK.





TONY STARK'S MANSION.
HOME OF THE ULTIMATES.
MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.
HAWKEYE & YELLOWJACKET.
THAT NIGHT.





THE BAXTER BUILDING.
HOME OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR.
MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.
THE THING & THE INVISIBLE GIRL.
THAT NIGHT.

SUZIE...

YA GOTTA HELP ME HERE.
REED PUT ME IN CHARGE OF YA
EVER SINCE YA WENT
OUT COLD...

...BUT THE DOCS TELL ME
WE GOT NOTHING TO DO
BUT WAIT.

AND I AIN'T
GOOD AT
WAITIN'!

JUST GIMME
SOMETHIN'
TA HIT.

REED TOOK
OFF TO GO
WHO KNOWS
WHERE...

...YER DAD --
I CAN'T FIND
HIM --

-- AND JOHNNY...?
I'M SURE HE'S AROUND...
I MEAN, HE'S LIKE ONE
OF THEM BAD
PENNIES.

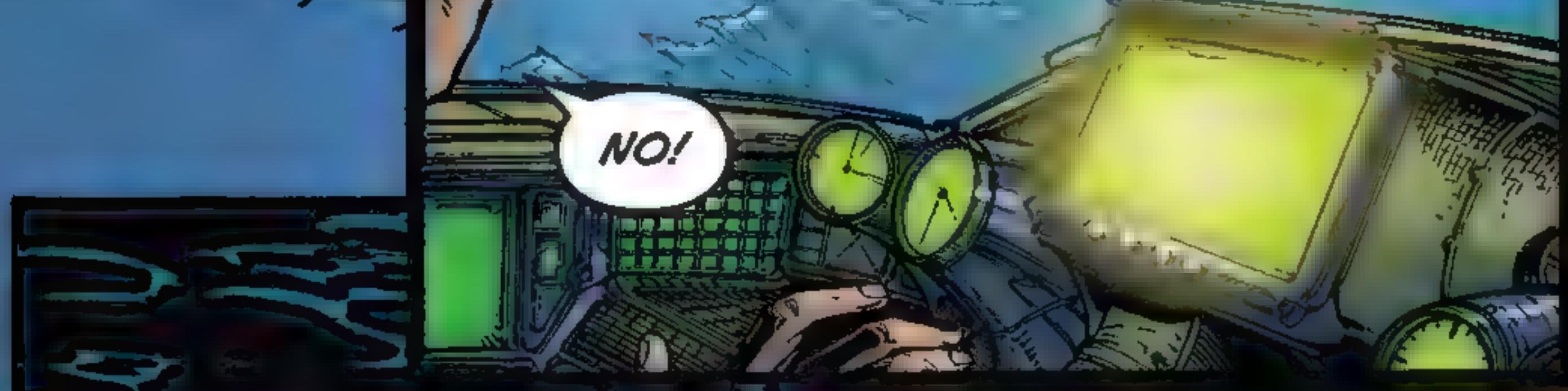
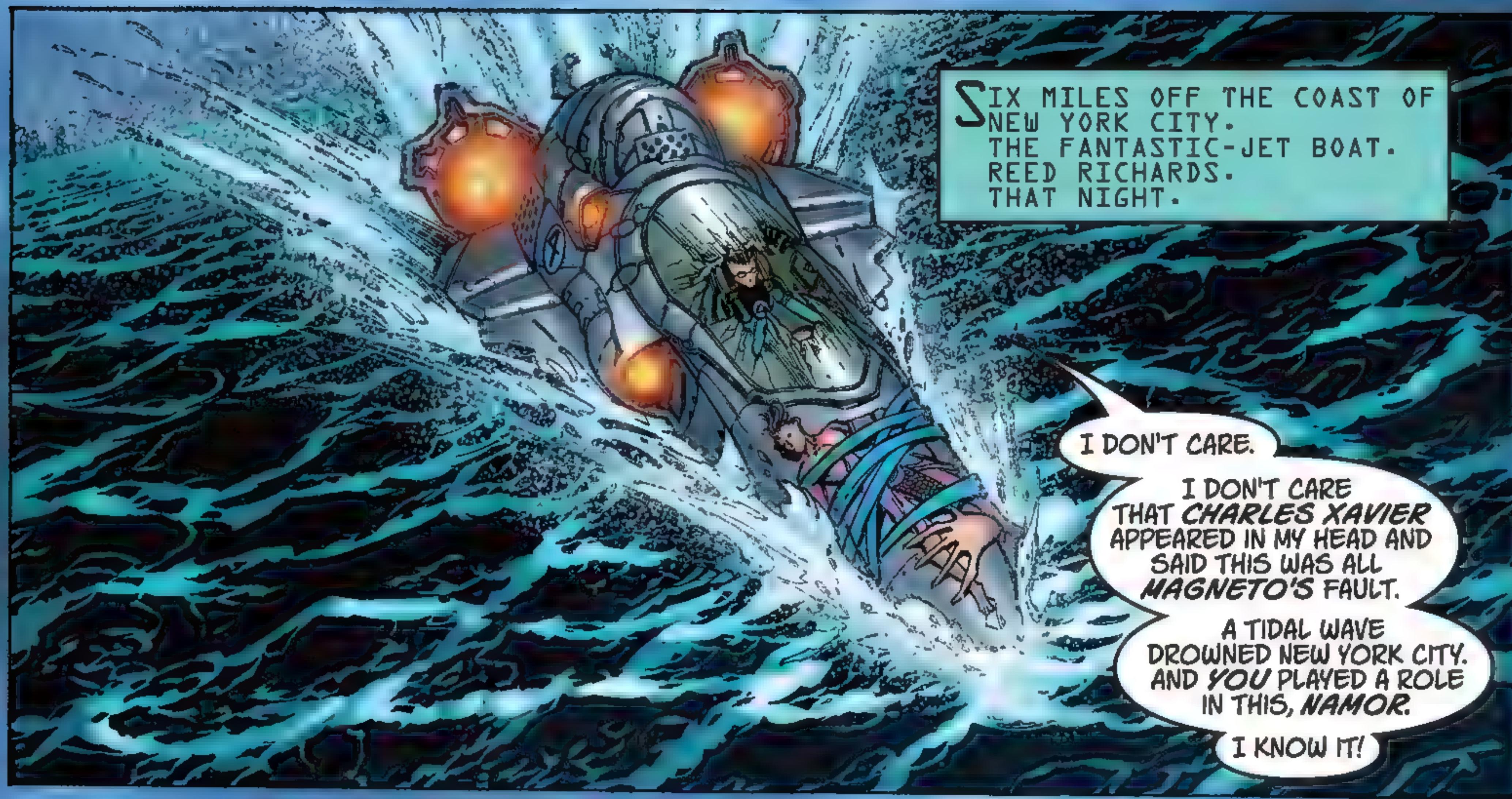
SO...
CAN'T YA
TELL ME WHAT
TO DO?

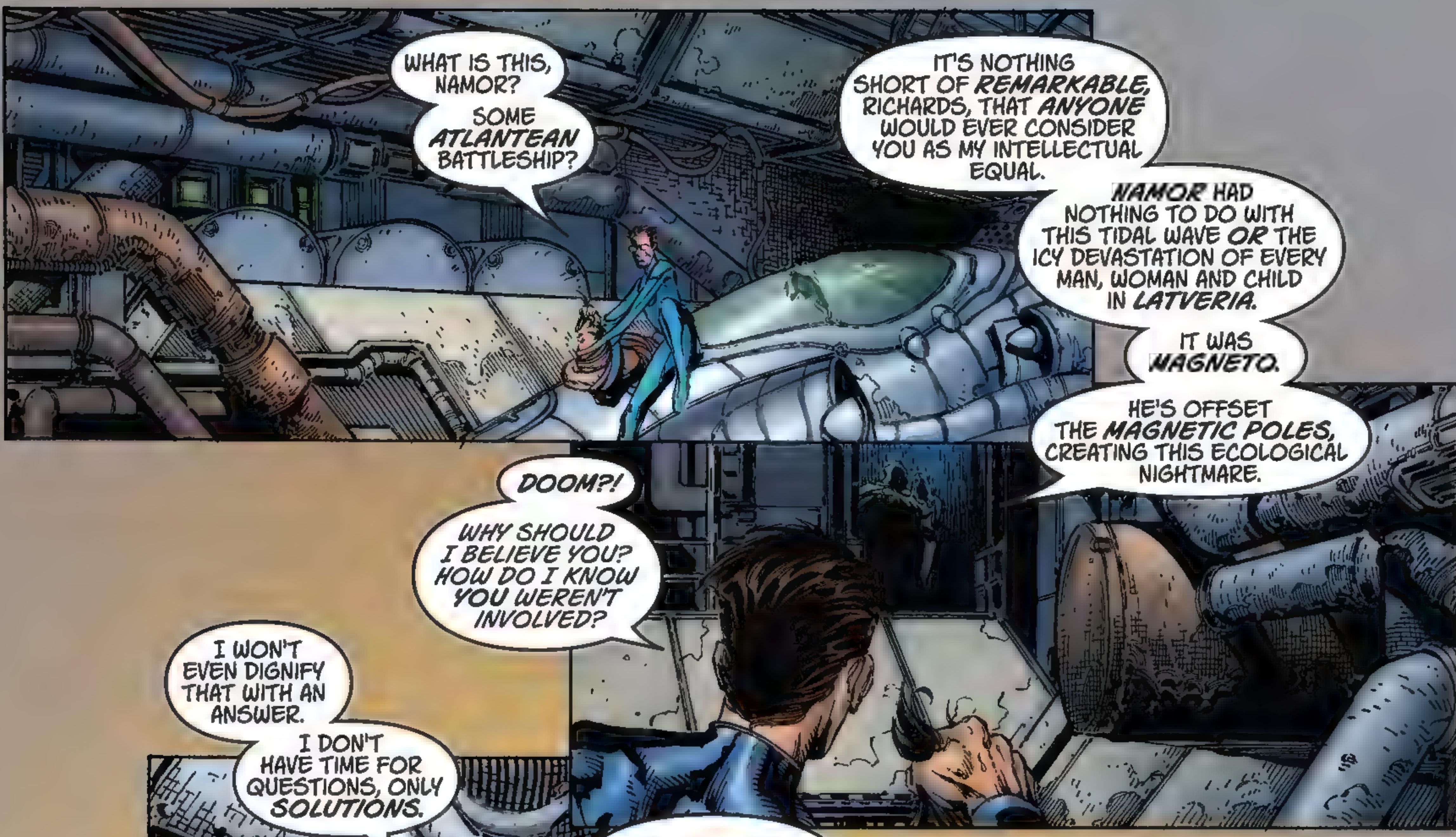
WHAT
THE HEY?!

WHOA!

SUZIE,
YER POWERS
ARE FRITZIN'
YA GOTTA
WAKE UP!







OVER NEW YORK CITY.
THOR, THE GOD OF THUNDER.
THAT NIGHT.

MADNESS.

THE SEAS.
THE VERY SKY
DEFIES ME.

THERE WILL BE
MUCH TO ANSWER FOR
BY MORNING.

PEGASUS!

FIND YOUR
MISTRESS!

**FIND
VALKYRIE!**





VALHALLA.
MYTHICAL LAND OF THE FALLEN.
TIME UNKNOWN.

HELA!

MISTRESS
OF THE DEAD...

...I HAVE
COME FOR --

- I KNOW
WHY YOU HAVE
COME.
YOU THINK
THAT I WILL BE FORGIVING.
THAT I WILL RETURN TO YOU
THE SOUL OF THE LOVED
ONE YOU LOST.

MAKE IT
QUICK THEN.
I AM NEEDED
BACK ON EARTH.
IT'S BEEN
TORN --

-- THEN
LEAVE WITHOUT
VALKYRIE.
BUT THIS
WILL BE
YOUR ONLY
CHANCE.



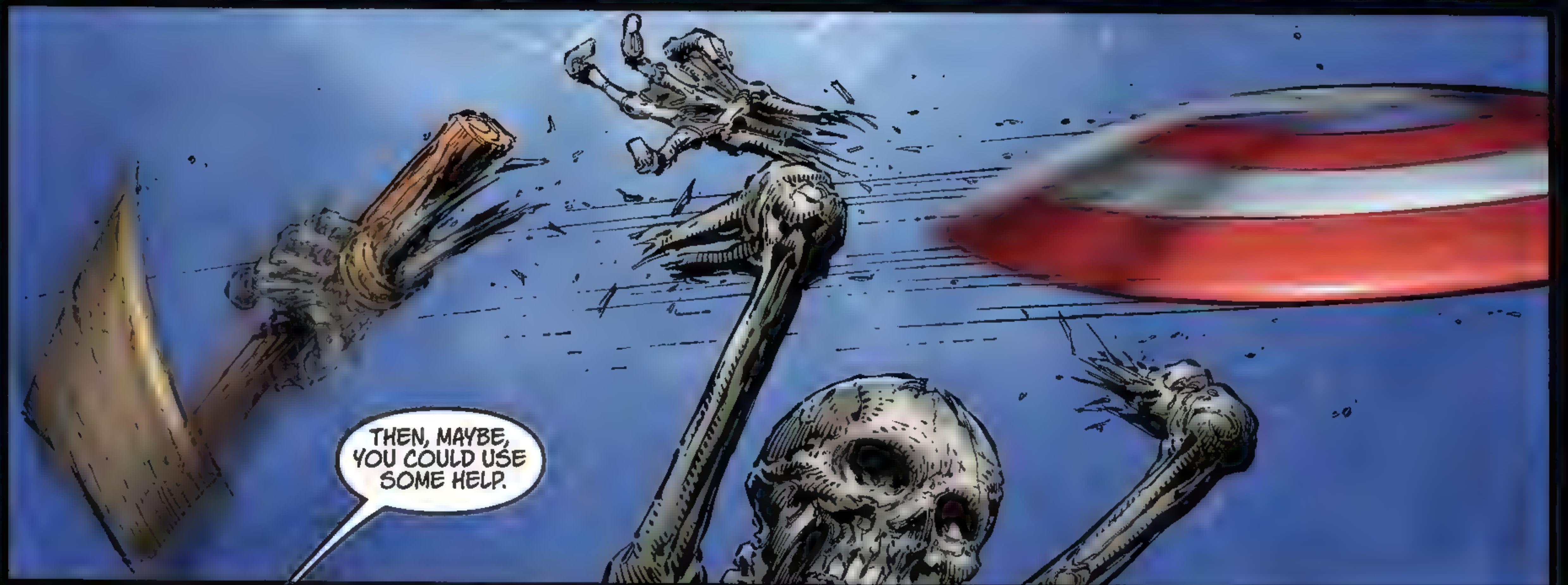
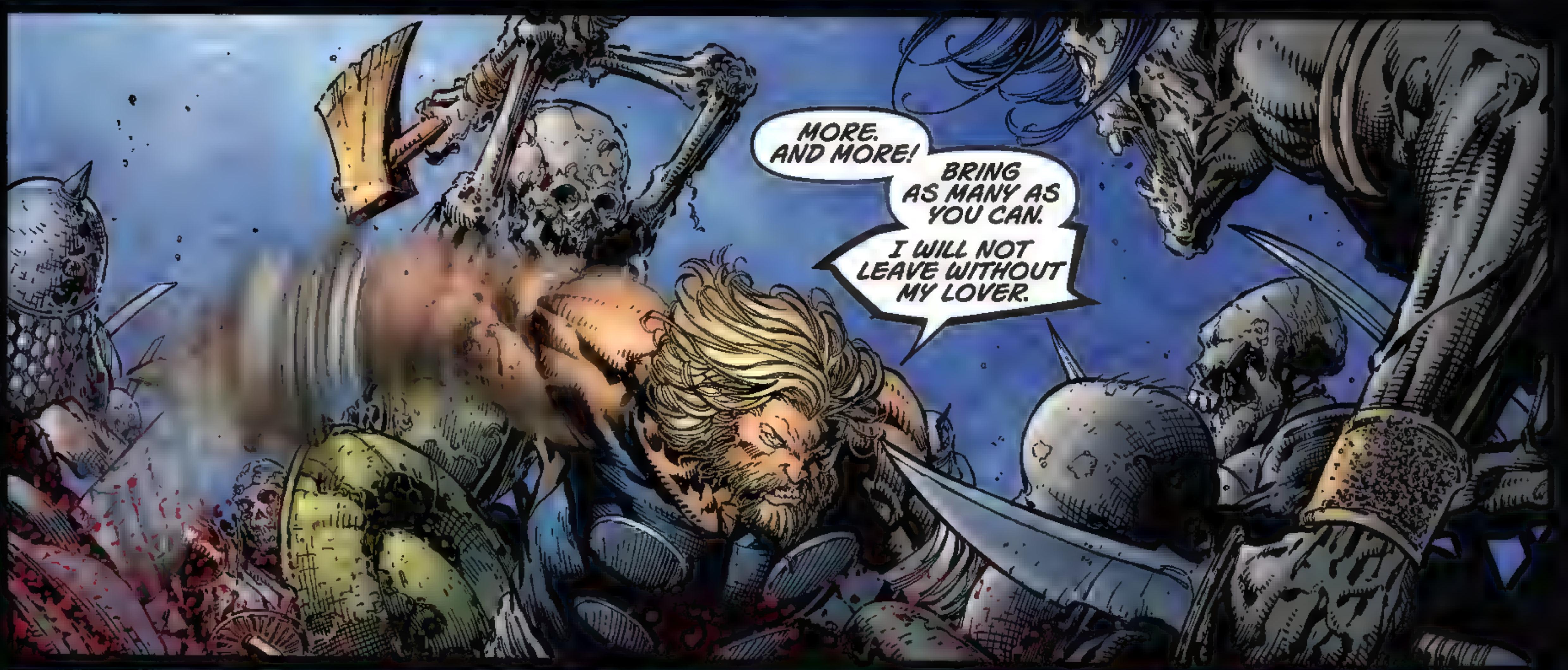
PASS MY CHALLENGE
TO PROVE YOU ARE WORTHY
OF SUCH A GIFT.

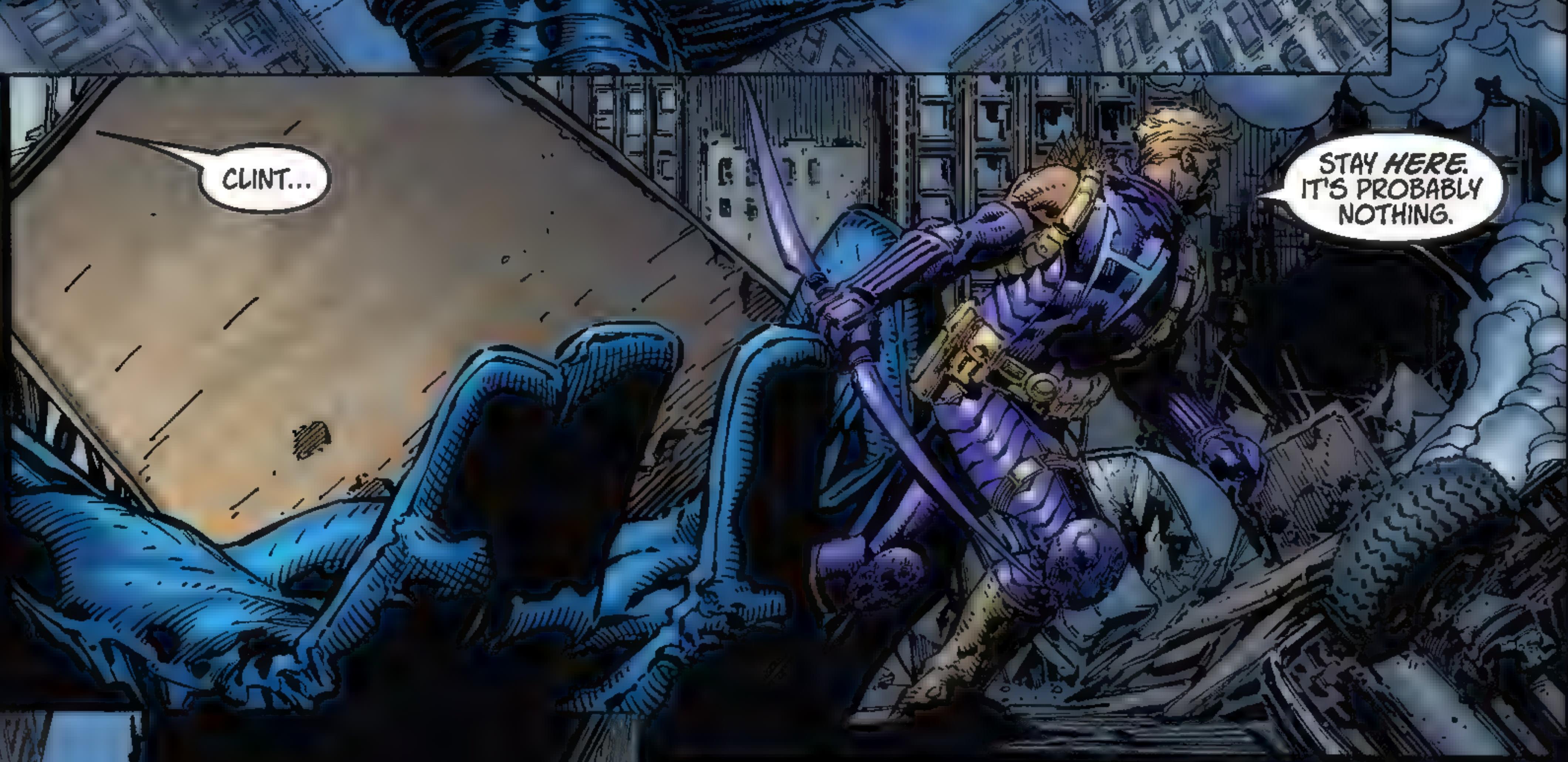
DEFEAT MY ARMY
OF FALLEN WARRIOR AND
YOU WILL BE REWARDED...

...FOR A
PRICE.

AGREED.

FOR
VALKYRIE!





TASTES
LIKE
CHICKEN.

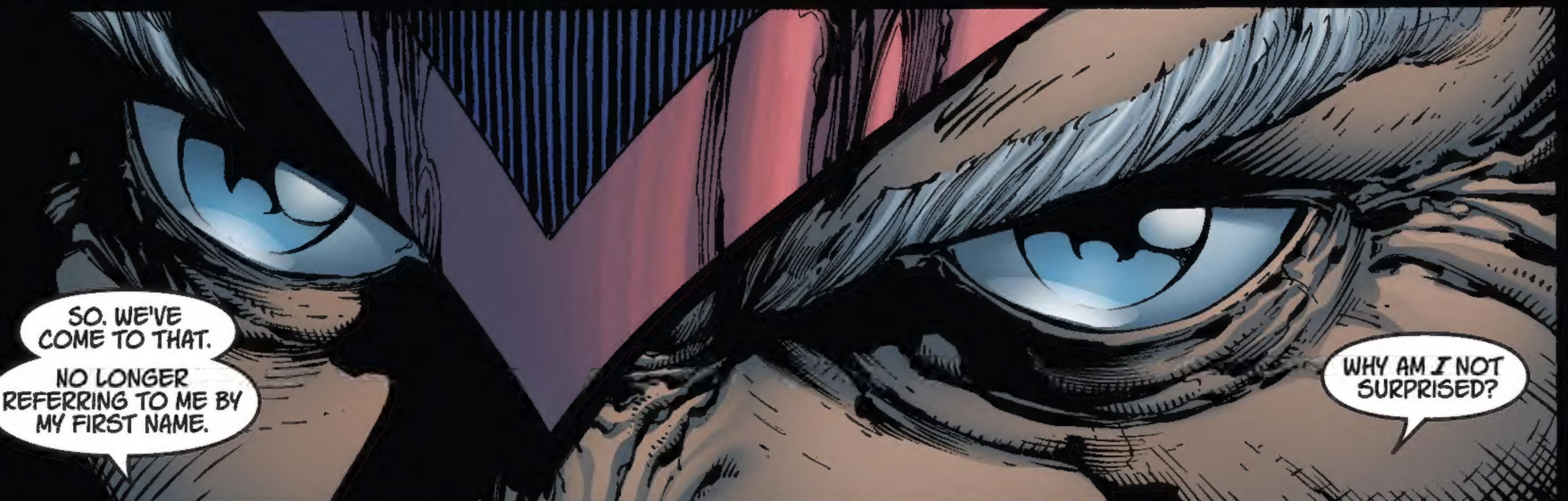
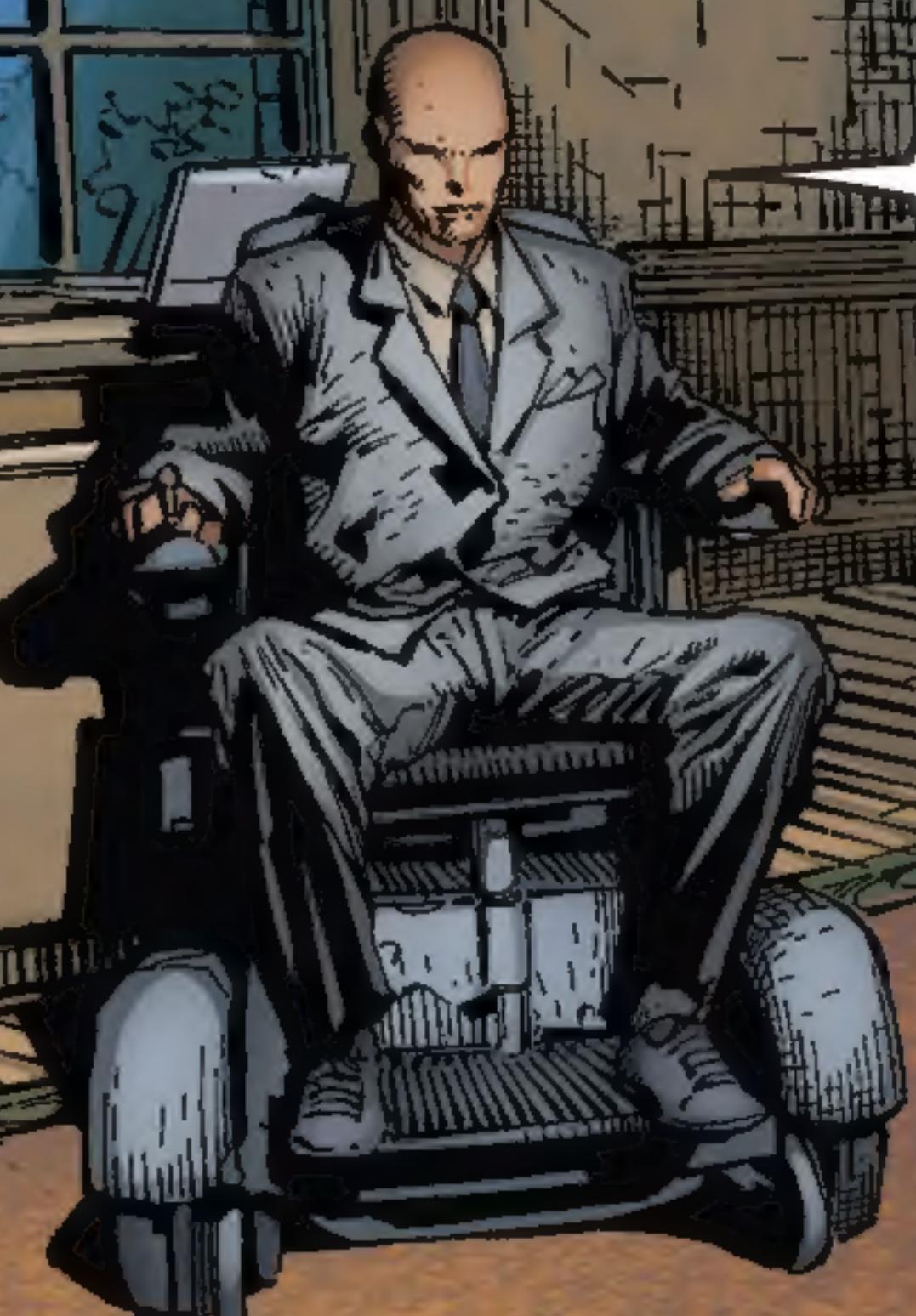
X AVIER'S ACADEMY.
WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK.
OUTSIDE THE CITY.
THAT NIGHT.

MY X-MEN
ARE OFF RETRIEVING
THE BODIES OF THEIR
DEAD FRIENDS...

...WHY AM I NOT
SURPRISED TO FIND
YOU HERE?

BECAUSE NO
MATTER HOW YOU DENY IT,
CHARLES, WE'VE ALWAYS
THOUGHT ALIKE.

NEVER
LIKE THIS.
MAGNETO.

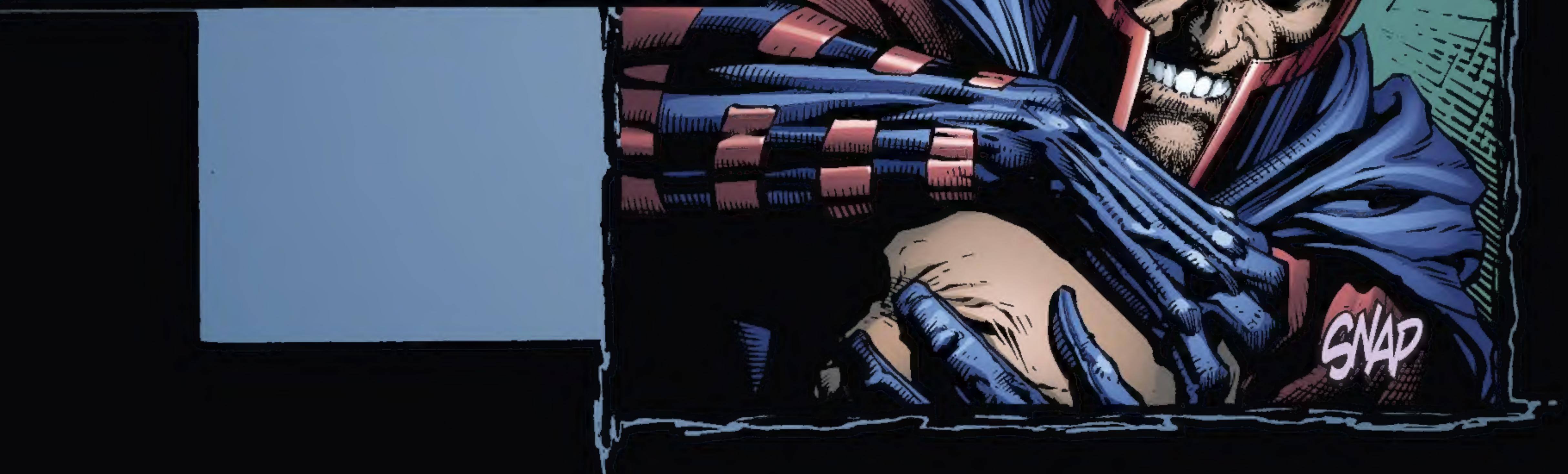
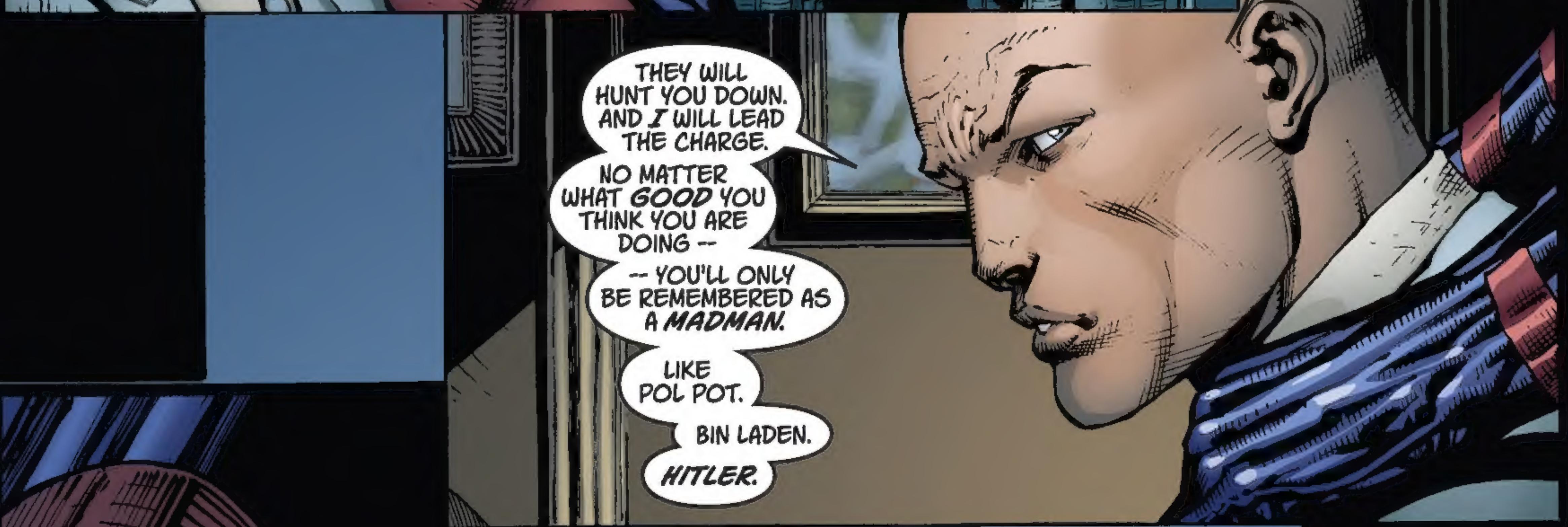
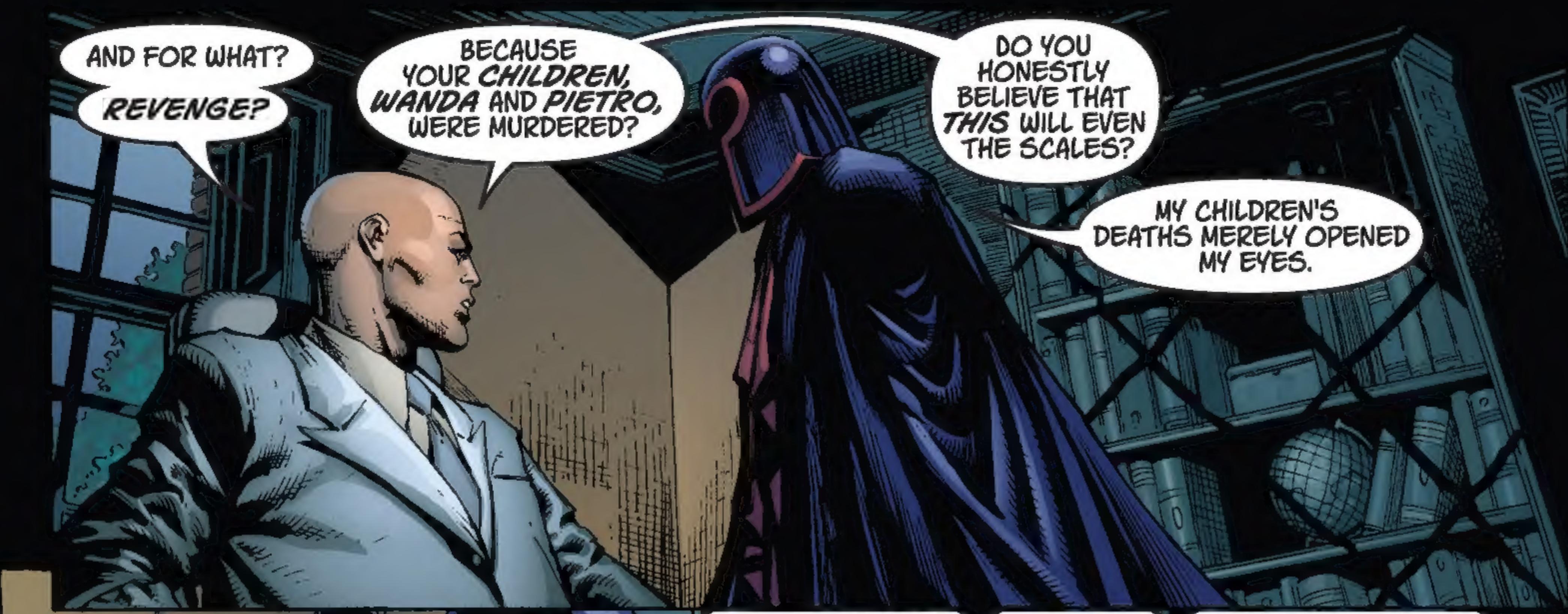


SO, WE'VE
COME TO THAT.
NO LONGER
REFERRING TO ME BY
MY FIRST NAME.

WHY AM I NOT
SURPRISED?



WHAT DO
YOU WANT ME
TO SAY?
THAT
I AGREE WITH
THIS DOOMSDAY
OPTION?
WHEN YOU KNOW
I WOULD STOP AT NOTHING
TO KEEP YOU FROM
DESTROYING THE EARTH AND
EVERYONE ON IT?





IN THE PAST,
YOU'VE HAD A HAND
IN EVERY ONE
OF MY FAILURES.

TOPPLING
THE BEST LAID
PLANS.

IT HAD
TO STOP.

TO BE
CONTINUED...

